

## **Sustainable Southampton Committee**

### **April 6, 2010**

Committee Members in Attendance: Tip Brolin (Chair), Scott Carlin, Sheryl Heather, Tony Panza, Ann Reisman, Kate Schertel (representing Bob DeLuca), and Ric Stott

Committee Members Not in Attendance: John Barrows, Bob DeLuca, Nancy Graboski, Dorothy Reilly, Paul Rogers, Janice Scherer, Anna Throne-Holst, and Deter Von Lehsten

Also in Attendance: Tom Neely (Town Director of Transportation), Theresa Ceriello (Bridgehampton National Bank)

Tip Brolin called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Tip asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16th meeting. There was some discussion about the procurement of new vehicles for the Town, as mentioned in the minutes. There was a consensus that the policy should reflect the committee's recommendation to purchase vehicles that would reduce gas consumption and operating expenses for the Town. It was suggested that the Town consider alternative fuels as well. **Tom Neely agreed to reach out to the Town Board to propose a moratorium on vehicle purchases while the procurement policy is being finalized.**

After discussion on Town vehicles was finalized, Scott Carlin made a motion to approve the minutes, Sheryl Heather seconded the motion, and the minutes of the March 16th, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Sustainability Coordinator Update: Tip reported that the top candidate for the position of Sustainability Coordinator has decided to accept another offer. Tip noted that there were other candidates interviewed who could be suitable for the position and these individuals will be informed of the position re-opening. In addition, other internal and external candidates will be interviewed.

Plan for a Plan Update: Ann Reisman reported that her subcommittee met to compile a plan scope.

The four guiding objectives governing this plan scope were:

- 1) Conserving natural resources,
- 2) Eliminating harmful man-made substances,
- 3) Ending physical degradation of the environment, and
- 4) Allowing humans to meet their basic needs.

The scope would include the areas of:

- 1) Climate action (energy efficiency, renewable energy, recycling, vehicles, and other carbon strategies)
- 2) Environment (water quality, air quality, natural resources, and toxics),
- 3) Economy (green infrastructure and local economic development), and
- 4) Community (education, transportation infrastructure, land use, health, and adaptation).

There was some discussion regarding goal setting and committee members present agreed that success measures should be defined so the Town could determine whether its efforts made a difference. Ann noted that a discussion on process/approach for choosing projects would take place at the next meeting of this subcommittee. Following this discussion, a schedule for completion would be presented to the

full committee.

Anti-Idling Update: Sheryl Heather reported she has not had a response on this from Nancy Graboski on whether she would co-sponsor the anti-idling ordinance. She noted that Anna Throne-Holst agreed to co-sponsor, if needed. Sheryl will attend the Business Alliance meeting to ask for their support, which she believes will be received. Once a second co-sponsor is confirmed, a member of the Town Board would direct the Town Attorney to draft legislation that would be proposed for adoption by the Town Board. It was suggested that this issue be brought forward as an educational initiative rather than an ordinance, but there was not agreement by all committee members present. **Sheryl agreed to circulate a white paper on the issue for all members to review and consider.**

Poxabogue Golf Course: Tip Brolin reported there is a new tenant in the restaurant at Poxabogue Golf Course and the committee should give the Towns (Southampton & East Hampton) some time to adjust. **Tip noted that he plans to set up a meeting with Alan Jackson to discuss the concept of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) across all Town properties.**

Other Action Items: Tom Neely asked whether the committee would like John Ryan (Town Safety Officer) to attend a meeting to share information on toxic materials used within the Town and how this relates to the green cleaning procurement policy. **Tip and other members present agreed that it would be a good idea for John to attend the next meeting if he is available. Sandra Cirincione would also be invited to the meeting to report on her progress in revising the draft of the procurement policy, to include only cleaning products.**

Tip reported the status of the Department of Energy grant is still unknown. This is the grant that would supply funds to implement the proposed Residential Energy Efficiency Program.

As there was no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.